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Mr. Robert M. Gates  
Acting Director  
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Washington, DC 20505

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Dear Mr. Gates:

On February 26, 1987, members of the intelligence community briefed members of the Senate Armed Services Committee in a closed session on issues pertaining to the monitoring and verification of the Threshold Test Ban Treaty. In the course of that briefing, a number of proposals for augmenting national technical means were identified.

I asked [ ] and his colleagues to provide on an ad hoc basis their idea of how one would rank these measures in order of importance. After some huddling, they were able to do so, though I fully understand that their response is not the equivalent of a coordinated, formal statement of inter-agency views.

This is precisely the reason that I am writing to you now: to request a formal statement which not only outlines cooperative measures in aid of TTBT verification, but presents them in order of relative importance to U.S. intelligence. It would also be important to include estimates of how long it would take us to implement any of these measures once funds were made available to do so, and -- of course -- an estimate of how much money would be needed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Albert Gore Jr.  
United States Senator

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